BOSTON INDUSTRIAL HOME

1911

THIRTY-FOURTH YEAR
HELPING MEN TO
HELP THEMSELVES



THIRTY-FOURTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Boston Industrial Home

(INCORPORATED)

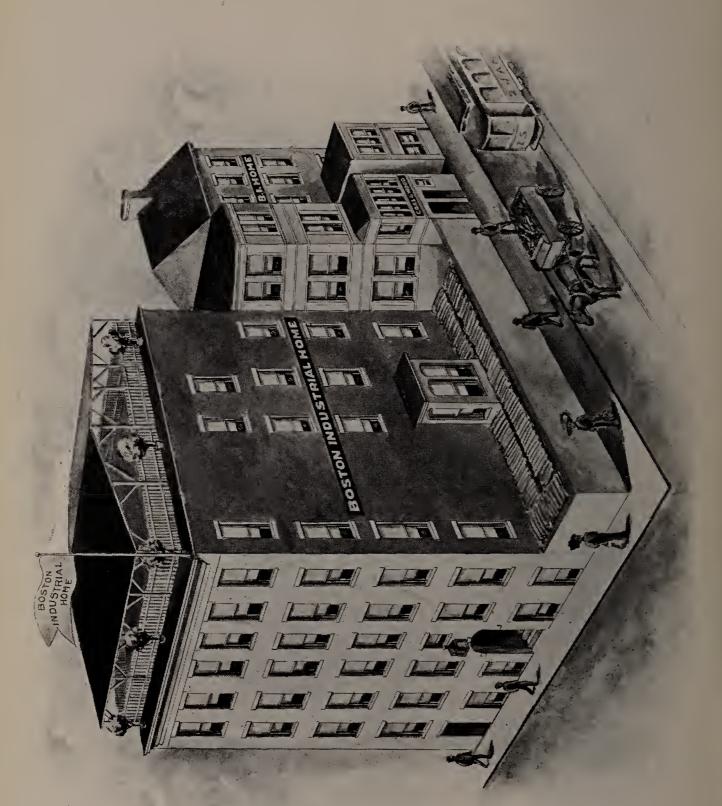
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FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1911

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The Boston Industrial Home (Inc.)

(1912)

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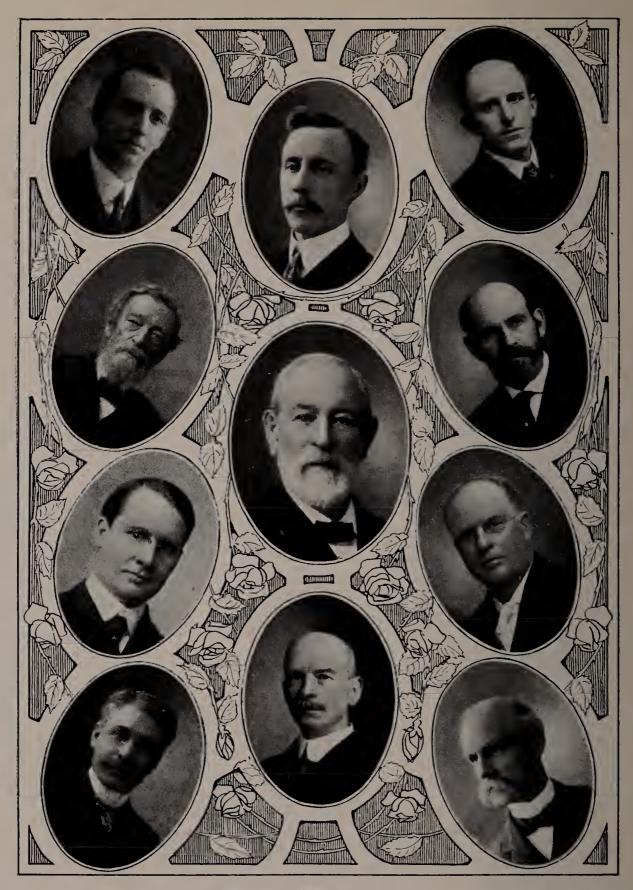
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Superintendent Elliot will visit churches, Sunday schools and societies to present the work on request.



Board of Directors, 1912

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President's Address

HE Home ends its thirty-fourth year of work and usefulness in this city in aiding and helping the poor and unfortunate who have sought its shelter to help themselves. We are profoundly thankful to our Heavenly Father for having kept and protected our lives during the past year so that we gather at this meeting without loss by death, or otherwise, of any member of the corporation so far as is now known.

The directors have held their regular monthly meeting during the year past with good average attendance, and a manifest interest in the conduct and work of the Home, and in which there has been harmony and general concert of action. Its sub-committees have been active and efficient in the discharge of respective duties.

The treasurer has been careful and painstaking in handling and disbursing the funds of the Home, and has, as in the past, merited the confidence of the directors. For details regarding expenditures for the Home, and status of its several small funds, you are referred to the treasurer's official statement duly audited.

The income of the Fresh Air Fund has greatly contributed to the comfort and welfare of the officers and inmates of the Home, through the maintenance of the motor boat on summer excursions down the harbor, and the roof garden, where meetings were held during the warm weather, greatly to the comfort and enjoyment of those in attendance, which was a large percentage of all within the Home.

The superintendent and staff, as in previous years, have given careful and considerate oversight of the affairs of the Home, and have the confidence of the board of directors. To his report you are referred for the general and reformatory work of the Home, incidents in which, are exceedingly interesting.

In the year past more inmates at the Home have been cared for and more meals served than in any previous year since it was founded. Not only has the Home, at times, been full to overflowing, but many applicants have been provided with lodgings outside and near by, through the efforts of the superintendent and at the expense of the Home, in fulfillment of our notice, that no worthy applicant filling the conditions of entry, shall be turned from the doors and refused admittance.

And yet, the Home in the past year has a larger deficit than ever before, which calls for careful consideration and devising means by the board of directors to remedy if possible. It is well known that our dependence for maintenance and support has been chiefly the sale of wood and coal. Owing to use of gas heaters and other heating and warming appliances the use of wood and kindlings has been greatly reduced in sales for those purposes. In the delivery and sale of coal, so many others have adopted our methods, and the competition is so keen, that our profits in that line have been greatly reduced, while our expenses could not be.

If we had a new modern building better adapted for carrying on our work than the old altered dwellings of the present Home, a considerable expense in maintenance would be saved, better and larger quarters would be supplied, with increased room for more inmates and increased revenue.

The work of the Home is His who said, "The poor ye

have with you always," the citizens of Boston, and the general public. There is necessity for it to be carried on and to make of its inmates self-supporting, respected citizens, who, if left without assistance, naturally gravitate to the criminal classes. Let us appeal to the charitably inclined for assistance in this work. Be in earnest about it, as the Master has placed it in our hands to cherish and maintain. We have been too modest in the past; let us change our course, and lay our cause before Him who owns the treasures of earth, and the public who are its custodians for the present. He and they will hear and heed our appeal, if it be just, as we feel and know ours to be. Let each of us make appeal to friends and pray for success.

R. G. F. CANDAGE,

President.



Superintendent's Report

NCE more this good old Home has reached and passed an annual milestone in its philanthropic work of ministering to the needs of unfortunate people, and once again it is our privilege to focus our thought upon the achievements of a completed year,—the thirty-fourth in the history of the Home, -and I believe when all the facts are carefully weighed it will be found that "something was attempted and something done" to merit your approval and to warrant a continuance of our united effort and co-operation in this great work of rescue. In these days of materialism the Boston Industrial Home is one of the few Boston philanthropies which has steadfastly adhered to the principles which brought it into existence and that still occupies its original location. began in prayer and faith in God, and underlying its whole superstructure is the unswerving belief that in every lost man and woman there is a spark of good which can, under proper influences, be made to glow into a fire which will ultimately burn out all the sin and make the man stand a monumental testimony of God's power to save. This belief has predominated all through these thirty-four years of the Home's history, and it has been our privilege to see it bear abundant fruition in the reconstruction of broken lives. After nearly twenty-three years of personal contact with the work I see no reason to change the original plan of the founders; in fact, the older I grow the more satisfied I am

that the bulwark of the world's hope is Christ, and that no condition of life is so remote from the path of rectitude and right, no life so darkened and sorrowful, so sinful and wretched but that His spirit can reclaim, revive, restore and rebuild again into a life worth while. This is the specific mission of this Home, and as the lighthouse beams out through the darkness in the midst of the rocks and shoals as a warning to the storm-tossed mariner beaten off the path of safety, so the light upon this building flashes out the word Home to the weary, footsore travelers who have missed their way on the sea of life and to whom the word home has long since lost its meaning. Hundreds, yes thousands of the men who are adrift in our city are starving, not so much for the necessities of life, as for the opportunity to start again. Our institution is that opportunity, and who can estimate the amount of good which has been accomplished by our effort. The dismantled vessel that has drifted in from the violence of wind and storm is soon repaired, strengthened and equipped for future service under the skill of the ship's mechanic, and so the poor prodigal driven before the biting winds of exposure and adversity, footsore, weary and defeated, finds here the balm for his healing, strength for his weakness and the foundation upon which he can rise to the place which His heavenly Father designed him to fill.

STATISTICS

MEN'S DEPARTMENT

The total number of lodgings provided for men was . . . 32,711 Of this number 13,165 were earned, 16,484 were paid for in cash, 3,062 were given on orders.

The total number of meals furnished to men was . . . 42,315 Of this number 36,658 were earned, 865 were paid for in cash and 5,487 were given on orders.



A DORMITORY

The total number of men admitted during the year was . 1,962
Of this number 542 made personal application and earned their entertainment, 501 paid cash and 556 presented orders for admission. Forty-seven men who paid their way at the beginning were made self-supporting in the Home after their money was exhausted. Fifty-five men who started in by working their way were helped to positions and remained at the Home afterwards paying cash.

DAYS' WORK

The total number of days' work furnished to men was	. 13,165
BATHS	
The total number of baths for men was	. 6,561
The total number of garments sterilized was	. 3,950
The total amount of cash received from lodg-	
ings was \$3,476.50	
The total amount of cash received from lodg-	
ings, orders, was	
	\$3,868.80
The total amount of cash received from meals	
was \$479.53	
The total amount of cash received from meals,	
orders, was	
	1,077.03
Making the total receipts from the lodgings	
and meals	\$4,945.83

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT

The greater part of the labor furnished by the Home is made possible in the coal and wood department in the manufacture of kindlings and the delivery of both coal and wood. The number of tons of coal sold and delivered by our own teams was 4,611, and the number of cords of wood worked up into kindlings sold and delivered was 460.

WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT

Our work among women who come to us has been carried on as in past years with gratifying results. Our object is to furnish clean, comfortable quarters for working women for fifteen cents per night, with the privilege of sewing machines, laundry and reading room. The accommodations are limited to twenty-five persons, but during the winter scores are turned away for lack of room showing that there is a great need for such a place for poor women who earn small money and are without homes. Mrs. Elliot has had signal success among these women, and many of them have left us after a brief stay with the determination to lead sweeter and better lives.

The total number of lodgings furnished to women was .	10,604
Of this number 1,546 were earned, 7,428 were paid for	
in cash and 1,630 were furnished on orders.	

The total number of meals furnished to women was	11,012
Of this number 4,026 were earned, 21,760 were paid in	
cash and 4,226 were furnished on orders.	

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SUMMARY STATISTICS

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46	6.6	66	baths	6.6	66	66		66	66	7,786

RELIGIOUS WORK

During the year 156 gospel meetings were held with an average attendance of 56 persons. We consider everything subordinate to this important feature of our work, for here the real work of rescue is made possible. The only effectual temporal help is that based on moral reformation. The only effectual moral reformation is that which has its

root in regeneration. The best intention sustained only by man's weak will, is truly but a broken staff. A man may be for a time housed, fed and clothed; a situation may be found for him, and he may apparently be well started on a prosperous career; yet, if the old heart—the old appetites and passions remain, he is sure to fall and be plunged again into want and misery. Therefore the mainspring of this work is spiritual. At our meetings we are careful that nothing is offered save the atoning blood of Jesus Christ as the one remedy for all sin, and I am happy to say that this gospel has availed in many, many cases the past year. this department of our work I wish to refer with gratitude to the splendid assistance rendered us by the men of the Gordon Training School, the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Clarendon Street Baptist Church, the Union Church Y. P. S. C. E., and the Mt. Vernon Church Y. P. S. C. E. Each of these societies have conducted one meeting a month while the men of the Gordon Training School have charge of the Tuesday evening meeting each week. We are also indebted to the young people of the Central Church, Chelsea, and to the pastor, Rev. W. A. Hadley, for a meeting or two, also to Mr. Charles A. Schmitt of our Board, Rev. H. A. Barker and Messrs. Richard Webster, J. W. Meserve, D. P. Gosline, John T. Chambers and others who have helped us in our gospel work the past year.

Mrs. Guy Fern Jones, our gospel soloist, is still singing for us on Sunday evenings, and sometimes I feel that her sweet consecrated voice has reached more of our people for Christ than the preaching. Words are too inadequate to express my deep appreciation of her splendid service, and I cannot put too strong an emphasis upon its value.

FRESH AIR WORK

Our power boat, the "B. I. H.," did excellent service



WOOD YARD

during the summer months. Thirty trips in all were made, the men and women going alternately twice each week on delightful afternoon excursions down the harbor. Besides we were also glad to offer the use of the boat to various churches and organizations. Among those who took advantage of this offer were: the Merrimac Mission, the Boston Traveler Outing Club, the Jacoby Club connected with Emmanuel Church, the Page Class of Dudley Street Baptist Church, the Union Church Y. P. S. C. E., a party of telephone men, the clerks of the Old Colony Trust Co., the Hayes Class connected with the Free Baptist Church, the men of the Boylston Church, the Massasoit Girls' Club and the Chickatawbut Boys' Club of the South End. During the months of June, July and August we held our gospel meetings on the roof garden, with splendid results. The garden was conceded by the Boston Post to be the best in the city, and was a real cool breathing spot during the heated term, and our people found it a great comfort. A large quantity of blossoming plants were contributed by the City of Boston through the kindness of Congressman Curley and also from the greenhouses of the James Farquhar Company.

THE DISPENSARY

This department of our work has been maintained as in former years. Dr. Boyd, our visiting physician, proved of invaluable service in many cases of extreme emergency. There was considerable sickness the past year, and several cases needing hospital care were placed in the Homeopathic Hospital by Dr. Boyd. We had two deaths, one birth.

KIDDER FUND

Seventy-four dollars and seventy cents was used from the Kidder Fund in sending worthy persons to their homes. Each case was thoroughly investigated to establish the



DINING ROOM

wisdom of the expenditure, and I have no hesitation in stating that this money was well spent the past year.

THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS

We make much of these events, and I believe it pays. If such a thing were possible, I should say these events were greater successes the past year than any in the history of the Home. Thanks to the uniform generosity of the hotel proprietors, merchants and other friends of the institution, we were able to provide a sumptuous turkey dinner, with all the fixings, on Thanksgiving day, followed in the evening by a splendid lecture by Mr. Richard W. Sears, of the *Boston American*, on the "Experiences of a Newspaper Photographer," which was a rare treat to our people. The lecture was beautifully illustrated with a stereopticon, operated by Mr. L. A. Whitaker. The amount contributed and expended for this special event was \$88.

Christmas Day was another enjoyable occasion, and nothing was left undone in the attempt to make each of our people feel that although separated from kindred and friends Christmas still had a meaning for them. We had a special dinner of roast pork, apple sauce and English plum pudding, and in the evening a splendid entertainment, furnished by talent from the Union Church. There was a Christmas tree and a useful gift for every man and woman. The amount contributed and expended for this event was \$103.

A PAGE FROM THE REGISTER

In order to give some idea of the general makeup of the men who come to us I submit the facts from one page of the register.

Number lodged, 89 men; of which 44 were Catholics, 38 Protestants, 4 Hebrews and 3 did not answer the question.

Nationalities: Americans, 41; Scotch, 12; Irish, 21; English, 5; Canada, 5; Germans, 2; French, 1; Poland, 1; Syrian, 1.



ROOF GARDEN GOSPEL SERVICE

Occupations: Hospital Steward, Barber, Janitor, Stained Glass Worker, Cook, Porter, Bartender, Ex-Clergyman, Tailor, Insurance Agent, Lather, Stableman, Cowboy, Plumber, Chemist, Roofer, Carpet Weaver, Elastic Stocking Weaver, Wood Turner, Brakeman, Clock Maker, Longshoreman, Ship Steward, Carriage Painter, Calico Printer, Compositor, Electrician, Painter, Carpenter, Railway Mail Clerk, Engineer, Waiter, Silver Plater, Laborers.

Average age, 39. Married, 44; single, 45.

WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT

Number lodged 25; of which 10 were Protestants and 15 Catholics. Americans, 9; English, 1; Irish, 15.

Occupations: Chambermaid, Nurse, Cook, Waitress, Seamstress, Milliner, Laundress, Stenographer and Box Maker.

Average age, 32. Married, 12; single, 13.

EMPLOYMENT

We do not claim to be an Employment Agency for men, nor does the Home give employment in the ordinary business sense. The Home is a refuge for the repentant prodigal who has said to himself, "I will arise and go to my Father." The employment given is a material aid to a spiritual end.

Aside from the 14,721 days' work provided for inmates the past year, many positions were found for both men and women. Many of these cases we are in touch with, and some come occasionally to the meetings as an evidence of their upright living since they left the Home and its fostering care.

EX-PRISONERS

It might be interesting to note that during the past year we received 287 ex-prisoners, of which number 258 were men and 29 women. These persons were sent us by the Agencies for discharged prisoners of both city and state. A number of these people became self-supporting in the Home after the expiration of their orders, and quite a few, to our personal knowledge, secured employment and did well.



OUR FRESH AIR LAUNCH

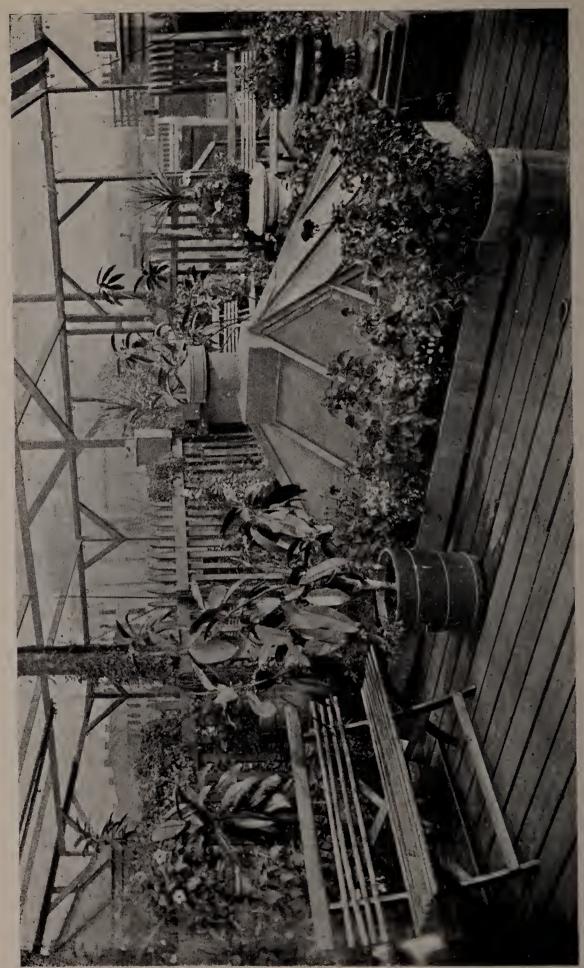
IN CONCLUSION

In conclusion let me say the past year has been in every sense of the term a successful one. The reformatory work has shown splendid results, and we have been able to do more for men than ever before. There are, as must be expected, many reasons for discouragement in such a work. Men whom you place confidence in stumble and fall just when you feel sure of them. But after all it is not strange that they fall. Indeed it is stranger when men, who for years have been given over to drink or other vicious habits, suddenly, abruptly abandon them, do not fall. This is not depreciating the power of God, nor placing a premium on lapses. It is simply recognizing a fact.

I am deeply sensible of and profoundly grateful for the confidence and kind consideration accorded myself and family by the President and each member of the Board, and pledge all that is in me to the furtherance of this great work in the year which has just begun. Not forgetting to ascribe to our Heavenly Father all the glory and praise for whatever measure of success has attended our efforts the past year, and invoking His abiding, comforting presence and sustaining hand in the days to come.

OLIVER C. ELLIOT,
Superintendent.

January 16, 1912.



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CHAS. D. BAGNALL, Treasurer.

We have examined the accounts of the Boston Industrial Home and find the same correctly cast and the proper vouchers on file.

We have also examined the securities and find the same as reported by the Treasurer.

Auditing Committee. CHARLES H. STEARNS FREEMAN O. EMERSON JAMES M. DOUGLASS

Visiting Committee

(1912)

May

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October

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November

REV. HERBERT A. BARKER.

O. M. WENTWORTH.

December

JAMES M. DOUGLASS.

ISAAC C. STONE.

(1913)

January

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REV. JOHN A. McELWAIN.

February

ETHELBERT V. GRABILL.

CHARLES R. DARLING.

March

REV. O. P. GIFFORD.

ABRAM P. Downs.

April

HERBERT D. BOYD.

L. H. RHODES.

Donors of Cash

(1911)

Beal, Mrs. Leander

Barbour, E. D.

Brown, Samuel N.

Bauer, Mrs. C.

Best, J. P.

Baker, George N.

Bagnall, C. D.

Bridgman, F. E.

Beal, Mrs. H. L.

Ball, Dr. W. D.

Carters' Ink Company

Campbell, W. P.

Closson, D. B.

Crosby, Sumner & Son

Clarendon St, Y. P. S. C. E.

Converse, F. S.

Coolidge, John T.

Connor, Mrs. Lucy S.

Darling, Charles R.

Duncan, Mrs. S. M. F.

Dudley St. Bapt. Church

Dixon, L. S.

Duffil, John H.

Ellingwood, Dr. R. R.

Eager, Mrs. George H.

Emerson, Freeman O.

Fowle, George W.

Fiske, H. W.

Fay, Miss S. M.

Fitzgerald, Hon. J. F. (Mayor)

Guild, Sarah L.

Gifford, Rev. O. P.

Gay, Mrs. A.

Heath, William S.

Hastings, Dr. R. W.

Hall, C. P.

Herrick, Rev. E. C.

Johnson, Rev. H. S.

Johnson, Wolcott H.

Kidner, Rev. R.

Klous, Maurice H.

Lynch & Woodward

Moran, Mrs. A.

Murphy, C. J.

Perry, Arthur

Raymond, C. P.

Rubin, J.

Red Cross Chemical Company

Richards, Mrs. C. A.

Sears, Mrs. F. R., Jr.

Stearns, Charles H.

Schmitt, Charles A.

Stockdale, Rev. A. A.

Sanders, H. M.

Stone, Isaac C.

Troup, C. A. S.

Taylor, Frank T.

Union Church, Y. P. S. C. E.

Wentworth, O. M.

Wood, Frank

Donors of Provisions, etc.

Armour Company

Alger, F. J.

Chase & Sanborn

Stack, John

Crawford House

Hall, Martin L., Co.

Hotel Bellevue

Hotel Brunswick

Hotel Lenox

Hotel Vendome

Hotel Woodcock

Johnson, H. A., Co.

Nash & Hopkins

Needlewomen's Guild of America

Potter & Wrightington

Parker House

Rhodes Brothers

Schmitt, C. A.

Swain Earle & Co.

Tuer, Miss E.

Flowers for Roof Garden from city of Boston Public Grounds Dept., and the Farquhar Sons' Greenhouses.

What the Boston Industrial Home is and What it Does

- 1. Is an incorporated body composed of accredited members of various churches and denominations, managed by a board of eleven directors chosen annually by the corporation.
- 2. Is an open door of opportunity to the man who wants to do right.
- 3. Assists the churches by preaching the gospel to a class of people they cannot otherwise reach.
- 4. Does its work seven days of the week in an unsectarian way.
- 5. Encourages Christian sympathy for the unfortunate victims of drink, gambling and impure habits.
 - 6. Makes employment the basis of relief.
- 7. Maintains a separate department for women with all the comforts of home for 15 cents per night.

- 8. Is a thirty-four years' demonstration of the practicability and efficiency of the industrial factor in rescue mission work.
- 9. By every legitimate means tries to help men and women to help themselves.

An Investment

Many business men recognize the Boston Industrial Home as a necessity. Their employees have been restored to manhood there. A subscription to its support is not a charity, but an investment. The Boston Industrial Home is one of the most potent deterrents of crime in Boston; it is a strong economic agency in the return to productive usefulness of humanity on the down grade. We help men and women to help themselves, and we help men and women who could not help themselves.

We contribute to the city in manhood more than we could ever get in money. The highest use of money is in transforming it into Christian manhood.

Form of Bequest

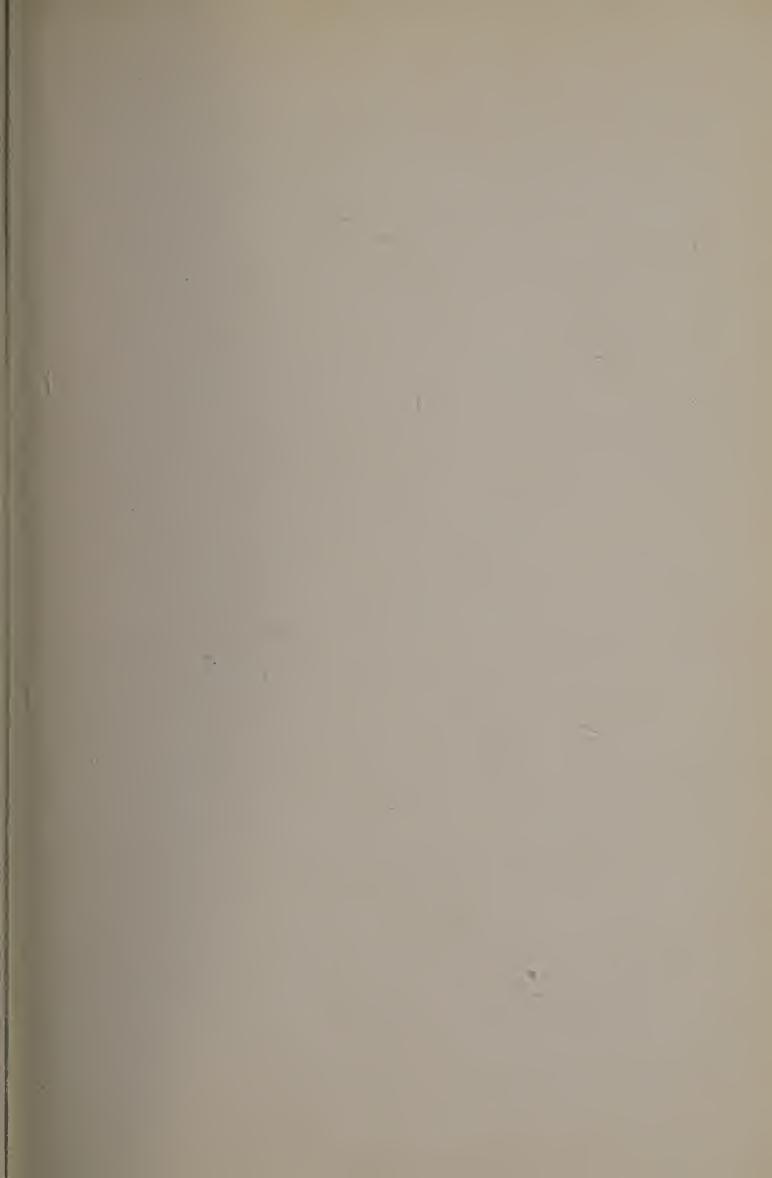
I give and bequeath to the Boston Industrial Home the sum of dollars, for the purposes for which the institution was established; which is, to furnish a temporary home, with its comforts, to those destitute of friends, money and out of employment; also, the reformation of the intemperate, etc.

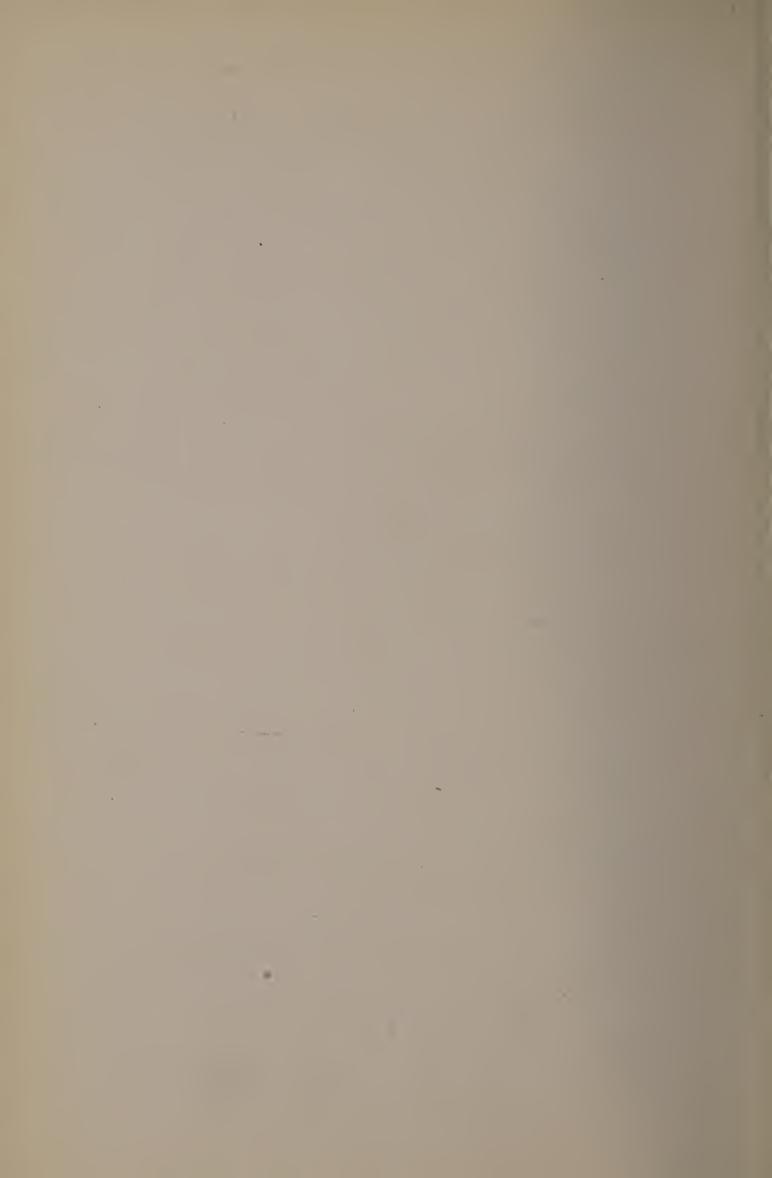


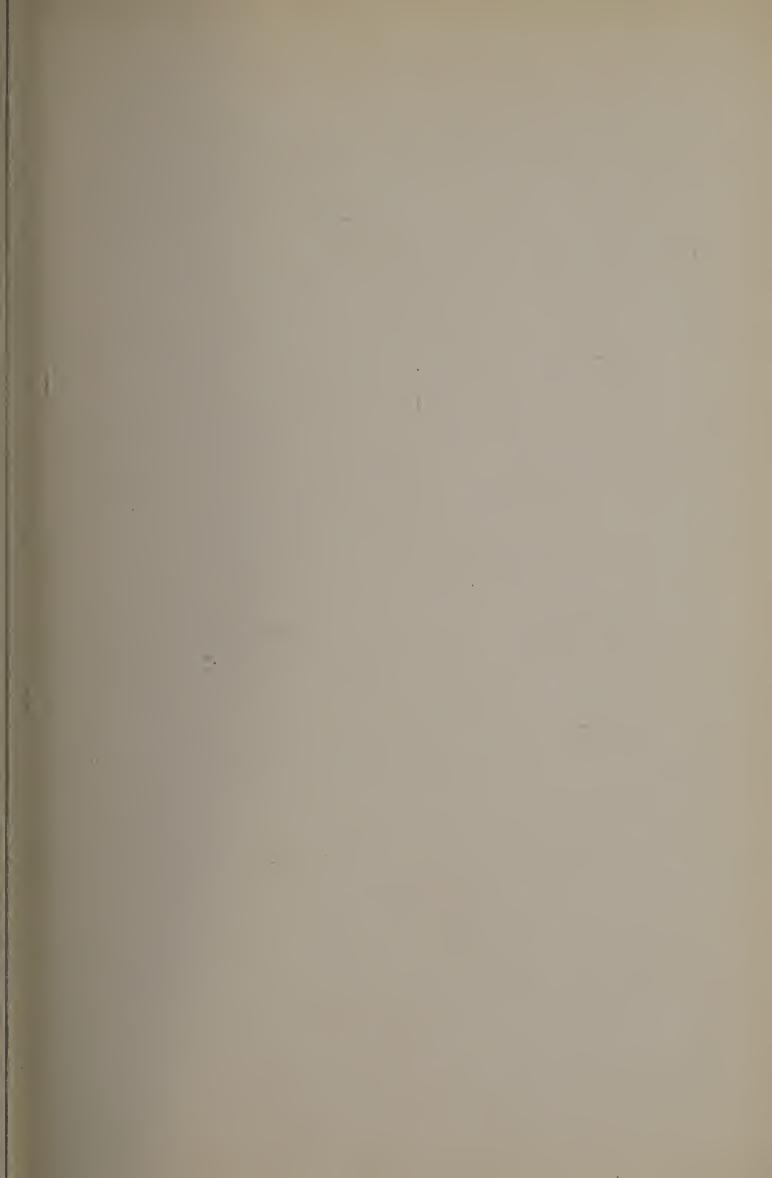
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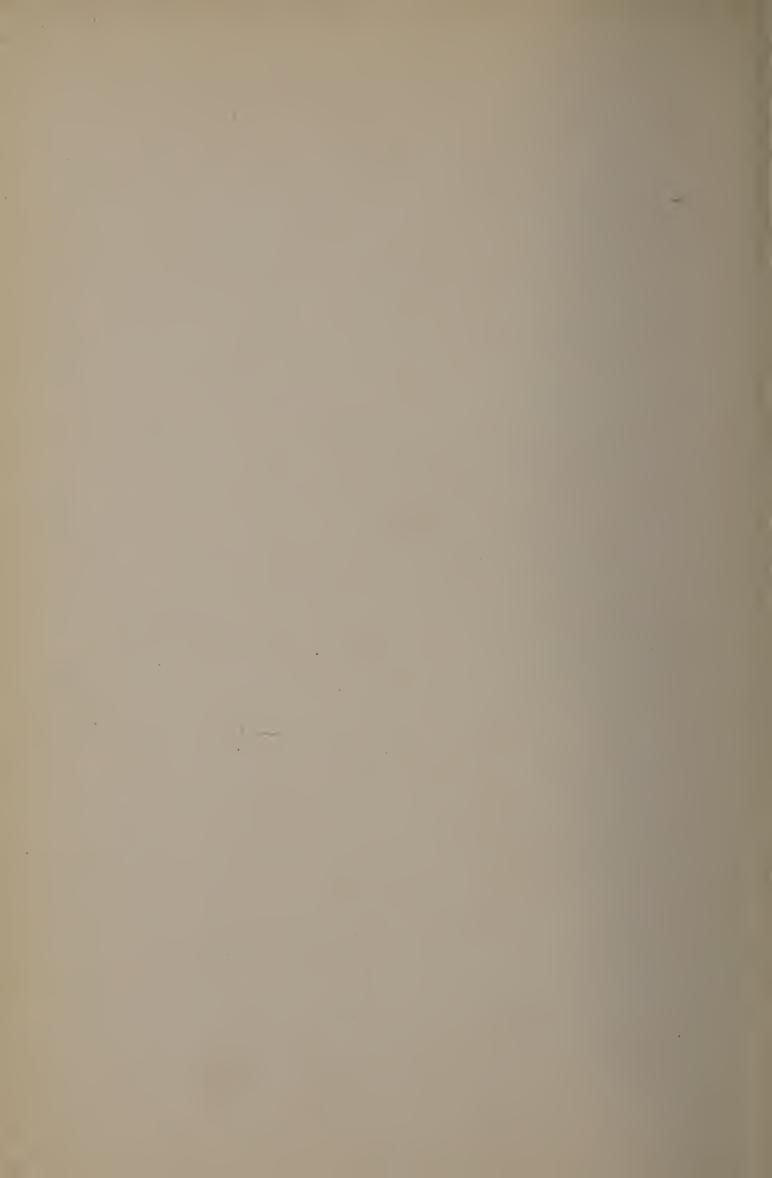
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Garments sent to us will be given away to deserving persons, and Not Sold.











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